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Attorney Docket: P56315

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following patent application:

Inventor: 1) GRIFFITH S. EVANS

Title: PISTON-ACTIVATED VALVE AND METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR RESTRAINING FREE PLAY IN A DEVICE

Please find attached hereto an application for patent which includes: Specification and Abstract, Claims, and original Declaration And Power of Attorney:

Verified Showing of Small Entity Status: NO

Drawings: Formal drawings, 11 sheets, Figures 1 through 8 I

Claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e): YES

** U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.: 60/261,199, filed on January 16, 2001

FEE (see formula below): CHECK IS NOT ENCLOSED (#40920)

Basic Fee \$370/740 \$740.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess of 20: 19 times \$9/18 . \$342.00

Number of independent claims in excess of 3: 8 times \$42/84

\$672.00

Multiple Dependent Claims \$135/270

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An Assignment is likewise enclosed: Recording Fee \$40 .. \$0.00

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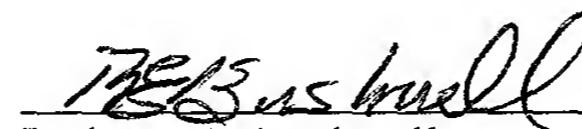
Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4943 for any additional charges necessary towards payment of the filing fee for the above-referenced application. Please notify the undersigned attorney of any transaction regarding our Deposit Account.

In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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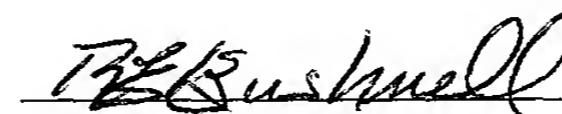
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Sir:

This transmittal accompanies the original Declaration for the above-referenced application.

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